

REMARKS


Favorable consideration of this patent application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

This patent application is a divisional patent application of United States Patent Application Serial Number 10/037,386 which was filed on December 21, 2001. During the prosecution of the aforementioned parent patent application, a restriction requirement was made, original Claims 1-8 directed toward the apparatus invention were elected for prosecution within the aforementioned parent patent application, and accordingly, the present divisional patent application embodies the original method Claims 9-15. In addition, new Claims 16-21 have been inserted, and therefore, Claims 9-21 are now active in this patent application.

In light of the foregoing, it is submitted that this patent application is now in condition for examination

on the merits, and therefore, an early and favorable action
is now anticipated and awaited.

Respectfully Submitted,
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